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Dear Mr Dehaven

**EXPORT OF BREEDING POULTRY FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM TO THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
UK REGAINS AVIAN INFLUENZA FREEDOM ACCORDING TO OIE**

The export of breeding poultry from the UK to the USA has been interrupted because of an outbreak of highly pathogenic notifiable avian influenza (HPNAI) in UK on 3 February 2007, and a separate low pathogenic outbreak (LPNAI) on 23 May 2007. However we are very pleased to report that on 6 October 2007 the United Kingdom regained its status of official freedom from notifiable avian influenza (NAI), according to the criteria of the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code. This information has been published by the OIE on their website.

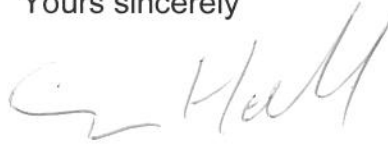
In your letter of 7 February 2007 you applied a regionalisation policy to the UK, so that imports were permitted to continue from everywhere except the counties of Norfolk and Suffolk. We wish to thank you for this realistic, risk-based approach.

We trust that, as a result of the restoration of official country freedom from NAI according to the OIE rules, you will now be willing to accept imports of live poultry and other captive birds from the whole of the UK without restriction, and we would be very grateful if you could formally confirm this.



Kind regards.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Debby Reynolds', written in a cursive style.

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